

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his time in speaking with Applicant regarding Applicant's Amendment And Response To Office Action After Final, dated March 1, 2004. Based on the latest discussion with the Examiner, Applicant understands that the Amendment And Response To Office Action After Final was still being considered as of June 28, 2004. In light of the deadline of June 29, 2004 for filing an Appeal Brief with respect to the rejected claims, Applicant has informed the Examiner that it has elected to, without prejudice, cancel the claims that were rejected in the Office Action mailed on December 30, 2003. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 12 through 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant anticipates filing a continuation application in the near future which will include these claims, along with any necessary amendments, for further consideration by the Examiner.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the examiner has allowed claims 6 and 8 through 11. Further, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3 and 15 through 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions, Applicant has amended the claims accordingly.

Applicant understands that no additional fee is necessary in connection with the foregoing. In the event that additional fees in connection with the application and the documents submitted herewith are due, the examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1730, Gottlieb, Rackman & Reisman, P.C.

Based on the foregoing, early and favorable examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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